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Adding gaiety to their classroom, Virginia and Nancy Lee, twins from 101, ready window decorations.

Winning Rooms Announced In Yule Window Contest

Bells, bows, and boughs of holly set the mood for this year's Christmas window contest. A rich supply of talent and imagination, guided by the experienced teachers of our Art Department, Mrs. Angela Izzo and Mrs. Maria Charpentier, blossomed into a keen competition. Unlike previous years, the beauty of the classrooms from outside the school, as well as from within was to be taken into consideration. Emphasis was placed on originality and completeness in choosing winners.

Christmas angels, a smiling Babe and the Magi were familiar figures in the window design contest. Creativity proved to be the essential quality, which determined these rooms blue-ribbon winners: 101, 202, 408, 310. Special prizes went to Room 306, Veronica Mauro, 201, Mary Lou Fecci, 201, and Linda Rasso, 202, for their exceptional contributions to Christmas decorations. Elizabeth Buti, 103 was designated as the senior who did the most in the art field this term.

**Sincere Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year**

Lincoln Center Sponsors Recital; Miss Tyler to Present Repertoire

A performance of the Juilliard Artists Series will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 1962 at a formal assembly. This series offers a choice of seven chamber music and recital programs to be presented in the schools by the most accomplished students of Juilliard.

Performing artists are selected not only for their outstanding talent but also for their ability to present programs of appeal to young people. Our song recital will be given by Veronica Tyler who is presently studying on scholarship in an advanced voice class at Juilliard. She received her previous musical education at the Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree and Artist Diploma in voice. Miss Tyler made her debut in New York City as soloist in Monteverdi's "Coronation of Poppea" with the American Opera Society. She has been soprano soloist in the New York City Ballet presentation of Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzes" and has also appeared on television in the "New York Philharmonic Young Peoples Concert" with Leonard Bernstein conducting.

Dads and Daughters Frolic at Holly Hop

Sparkling with silvery snow, pointsettias, holly, and the traditional fir trees, the auditorium provided an unique setting for the annual Holly Hop, December 13. Attired in colorful hues, the girls enlivened this pre-holiday season by caroling Christmas melodies and dancing about the glowing pine with their favorite beaux, their Dads.

Spreading Christmas cheer with every note, Doc Anastasio's band furnished background music for the many specialty dances, such as the Charleston, elimination, baloon and spotlight. Prizes were awarded to the winning couples.

Climaxing the evening's fun, Saint Nick, alias Mr. Anthony DiGiovanni, helped to convey the season's joyous message to all.

Lincoln Center has sponsored many other such programs to fulfill its purpose of "sustaining, encouraging and promoting musical and performing art—and of educating the general public with relation thereto." The Lincoln Center Student Program is supported by contributions towards the Center's special fund for education and artistic development. The musicians, talented students and recent graduates of Juilliard, perform music from the standard concert repertory.

Louise Homer is co-ordinator of this particular program which comprises a series of selections including: "Alleluia" by Mozart, "Morgen," "Schlagende" by Strauss, "Après un Reve," "Nell" by Faure, "Hello, Hello," from "The Telephone" by Menotti, "The Rose," "Wind" by Chanler, "The Daisies," "The Monk and His Cat" by Barber and "The Silver Swan" by Rorem.

Student Council Makes Plans For Production of Sing-Along

The Student Council is inaugurating a new activity, a school "Sing." Its first production will be presented in Monsignor Hickey Auditorium at 8 P.M., February 14.

The "Sing-Along" consists of an amateur competition in which each of the four high school years presents its own adaptation of a skit, play, opera. Every class has two delegates. These girls will combine their efforts with those of the other representatives in writing, producing and directing the presentation. When the program is completed, auditions will be held. In addition to speaking parts, there will also be

a need for dancers, musicians and large choruses. For those artistically inclined, opportunities will be provided to exhibit your skill in costuming, scenery, and stage settings. And for those preferring the side lines, cheering spirit will add to the festivities.

Under the general chairmanship of Mrs. McNeil, each year has its own faculty advisor. For the Freshman through Senior year respectively, they are: Sister Mary Columba, Sister James Immaculate, Sister Anita Rosaire and Sister Thomas Miriam.

The four years will vie for a gold trophy, upon which the name of the victorious class will be engraved. This cup will be passed on traditionally from year to year, each time denoting another winner.

The performance will be judged by the faculty; the award will be presented by Sister John Berchmans.

Future Teachers Form New Club

In an effort to encourage careful choice of careers among the students, Sister Catherine Alonzo, Guidance Counsellor, has introduced a chapter of the Future Teachers of America into St. Brendan, and is contemplating the organization of a Future Nurses of America Club.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors who are considering the field of education are now being recruited for membership in the Future Teachers of America Association. The requirements for membership are attendance at meetings twice monthly and payment of 50¢ dues each year. Although the technicalities of the club's organization and activity have not been decided, Sister Catherine Alonzo has announced that much literature on the teaching profession will be made available to members immediately. A few representatives will attend the New York State Conference of the Future Teachers of America in the spring.

Primarily, the purpose of the FTA is to introduce students to the teaching profession. Activities include lectures, films and panel discussions. Since many FTA projects are enacted on regional and state levels, opportunities of travelling to other communities, seeing different schools, and obtaining valuable leadership training often arise.

Annual Brandy Contest Nears; Students to Elect the New Queen

Saint Brendan's will again become a maze of coke, pizza and frankfurter sales as the annual Miss Brandy contest approaches. Since its inception, the Miss Brandy contest has been an integral phase in *Stella's* yearly program of activities. It serves a two-fold purpose:

1. To contribute to the spirit of friendly cooperation and competition among the students.
2. To provide for the support of the school paper.

As in previous times, only Seniors will be eligible for candidacy. Each

of the Senior classes will submit to the faculty the names of three girls in order of their preference. From these, the six finalists will be selected. At the January 9th assembly, campaign managers will present their candidates to the student body. Then, on January 10th, the contest will begin. For two days the Seniors will solicit one penny votes from the underclassmen.

After the returns have been tallied, *Stella* will announce the winner and the two runners-up. Climaxing the affair, "Miss Brandy 1962" will be crowned at an assembly January 16.

Seniors To Attend Prom At Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

Punch, "pettifores" (fancy cakes and sweets), and souvenir poodles will dazzle the Seniors and their dates at the Prom, December 27. The refreshments and favors will complement an evening of dancing in the Sert Room of the Waldorf Astoria.

Seasonal decorations will be provided by the management of the Waldorf Astoria, but the Social Club has prepared all other details of the gala event.

Continuous dancing will be guaranteed by the music of two alternating bands formed by the twelve pieces of the Victor Orchestra. Maintaining an accepted prom tradition, Sister Frances Patrice (moderator of the Social Club) has planned the simple, but impressive Grand March which will end with a group rendition of the school song. Under the training of Mrs. Theresa Schneider and Mrs. Alice Farrell, the seniors have mastered a minuet-type dance to the accompaniment of "Mexicali Rose" which they will perform. Finally, one lucky girl will be crowned Queen of the Senior Prom by the President of the Social Club, Anne Wennerholm. At present the Prom Committee is busy with the final preparations.

School Calendar

Prom	December 27
Exams	January 23-26
Student Council NYC Meeting	January 26
Phoenix Theatre Program	February 6
Song Recital	February 13
Sing Along	February 14



While other seniors look on, Angela Montevago and Angela De Caprarus laugh over "Sing" script.

Players Reenact Christmas Story; Choral Speakers Chant Prophecies

As a tribute to the Holy Family, the girls of St. Brendan's presented their annual Christmas play, at a double assembly, Tuesday, December 19. This drama, entitled "The Hostler's Reward," was supervised and directed by Sister Joseph Mary.

The play consisted of a short narrative centered about a group of country shepherds. The time was Christmas Eve; the scene, a hilltop, not far from the city of Bethlehem. Opening and closing the performance were tableaux narrated by Pat O'Brien (402). During these, a speaking choir of angels chanted prophecies pertaining to the Messiah. Principal parts were taken by Barbara Scignano (409); Joan Fitzsimmons (102); Ann Fitzgerald (409); Carol Lawrence (102); Louise Russo (408); Pat Quigney (402); Madilynn Scheer (409); and Mary Tarpey (409). Angela De Caprarus.

Musical background was provided by the Glee Club, directed by Miss McLaughlin.

Senior members of the Leo Honor Society acted as usherettes.



How to Lose the World

by Nancy Illich

Are you an individual, or are you one of a crowd? Do you stand up for your rights, or, at the least sign of discomfort for you, do you allow them to be trampled underfoot?

In the United States we have a great heritage of which we can be rightly proud. But where would we be if there weren't individuals who upheld their rights? Down through the decades our country's history has been liberally sprinkled with the names of men and women who were independent thinkers and who stood up under criticism and fought for what they believed was right. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be so great a nation today as we are, or, to be more specific, we wouldn't even be a nation.

But you may ask, "What has this got to do with me, a high school student?" The answer is: plenty. The students of today will be the ruling generation of tomorrow. If you permit yourselves to be swayed now by every opinion contrary to your own, you are planting the seeds that will grow and mature into a generation of weak-willed rulers, too afraid to do anything for fear it might be criticized. Is this the kind of country you want, one which is eternally vacillating, one which is destined to subjugation by Communism? Or do you want the United States to stand forth as a leader, firm in its beliefs, following the advice of Lincoln, "... let us, to the end, dare to do our duty."

If you desire the latter, then it is up to you now to begin to insure it. How can you do this? You can do it by respecting the opinions of others even while holding fast to your own against the onslaughts of ridicule and criticism, and by thinking and deciding things for yourself. Whenever you become lethargic, remember these words of Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for good men to do nothing."

Nature's Christmas Carol

by Margaret Whelan

The crystals sparkled in the sun
And nature showed her charm;
It was the day the prophets told
As promised in the psalms.

As angels hung their curtain mild,
The darkness covered all,
Until they sprinkled stars so bright
Through heaven's ebony hall.

Two figures slowly made their way
By winter's cold brisk light;
While obediently did the sacred pair
In a stable stay that night.

An icy stillness caressed the scene
With heaven's dark deep glow;
While angels' trumpets pierced the air
Humming their praises low.

The shepherds heard the angels' song;
And in the cold did sight
The manger with its precious Babe
Shedding His new-born light.

The silence wisped a gentle veil
Over the sacred scene;
While a radiant cluster of silvery stars
Marked what is birth would mean.

As nature reluctantly waved farewell
In the hazy morning sun,
This day passed on triumphantly;
God's will had now been done.

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Interviewing:

RITA EGAN

Rita Egan, top fashion model, is a paradox. In reality, she is married to Donald MacInnis and mother of two small children, but she still finds time to maintain her position as one of *Seventeen's* busiest junior fashion models. A native of Brooklyn, she attended Fontbonne Hall Academy and St. John's University.

Rita first became interested in modeling as a career during high school. After she had attended college for two and a half years, the lure of posing in silks and satins triumphed over textbooks and midnight oil. Now, her pert, gamin face and slim, boyish figure may be seen almost monthly in fashion magazines. Although in her job she is called upon to model the latest fashions, Rita believes it is preferable to maintain a wardrobe of "basics" rather than to try to keep up with the latest trends in fashions.

(Parents trying to dress clothes-conscious daughters will certainly agree with this!) Rita says, "In general the teenage girls of today dress well and know a lot about make-up," but admits her pet peeve is a girl who wears a full skirt underneath a car coat or who hikes her skirt up above her knees.

"Ten years ago the biggest ambition of teenage girls was to become a movie actress; today the girls want to be models." Since the competition is so terrifically stiff, Rita advises anyone who'd like to be a model, first to perfect their grooming, with the accent on a good figure and clear skin, and then to arrange for an interview with a good agency. They will discuss your qualifications frankly and determine whether you meet the requirements... or not.

At her interview, Rita Egan certainly must have met the requirements, for ever since then she has been setting a standard for all models in the junior fashion world.



Rita Egan

Sister Agnes Gertrude

The halls of Saint Brendan's were filled with quiet sadness at the news of the death of a beloved teacher and companion, Sister Agnes Gertrude. No more would her sunny wit and wonderful personality brighten the rooms into which she entered.

The walls of these rooms resounded with memories of the anecdotes by which Sister illustrated the proper code of behavior for Catholic high school girls. Her strong will power set an example for the rest of the community as well as for the school. Even through her most trying days she came into the classrooms eagerly and taught her pupils faithfully until the last, giving them not only an education in material subjects

but in spiritual ones as well.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood, Nov. 29, by her cousin Reverend Edward Lodge Curran. Attending the service were Rt. Rev. Monsignor Egan and a majority of St. Brendan's faculty. The position of honor guard was filled by the class 203, whom Sister had taught.

In St. Brendan's Church a Solemn High Mass of Requiem was also being offered for the repose of Sister's soul. The Mass was attended by the faculty members and the entire student body.

May the mercy of God shine upon her and lead her into her heavenly home.

Spotlight on:

Lillian Costantino

Drop into room 102 any day and no doubt you will observe a conscientious Student Councillor who is calling the class to order or, if need be, forcefully asserting her authority as president. This is Lillian Costantino, famed storyteller, coloratura soprano, and faithful Brendanite.

That spirit of "give-of-oneself" which is so characteristic of a Y C S'ers permeates Lillian's every action. Almost all her classmates consider this petite senior their personal friend. Indeed Lillian's willingness to share her time and talents is evident when we examine her past record. In addition to being a diligent and ambitious student, she has emerged as a leader in extra-curricula activities. She numbers Mission Club and Guardian Angel among her previous activities. Since her appointment this year as vice-president of the New York Council of Young Christian Students, Lillian has chosen to devote most of her time to Y.C.S. In her official capacity as vice-president, she attends weekly meetings of the New York Council at which the problems of local Y.C.S. chapters are discussed and future programs planned. This past August, Lillian was one of the two representatives from New York State to the nationwide Y.C.S. study week in Kansas.

Her capabilities as a leader cannot be

denied in view of Lillian's impressive school record. However, aside from the school record there is a more intangible set of objectives which testify to her personality and character. To those who know Lillian, both friends and classmates, her sense of humor, of fair play and of forthrightness are always evident. Her classmates, recognizing and admiring these characteristics, have elected Lillian Class President for three consecutive years. One of them commented recently, "We all respect Lillian, not so much for what she does as for the way she does it—her motives."

What is the magic ingredient which has spelled success for Lillian Costantino? Simple, unadulterated sincerity.



Lillian Constantino

Heaven Sent An Angel

by Cathy Powers

In most of the homes in the little valley, Christmas Eve found parents busily completing last-minute preparations for the next day, and children slumbering restlessly with those age-old "visions of sugar-plums" flitting through their dreams. Although the Logan family outwardly resembled these merry groups, a certain tone of forced spirits in their voices, belied their gaiety. This indescribable *something* represented more than mere unhappiness; indeed, it was the weight of a heartbreaking loss.

To the Logans, lost material goods would not cause such a crushing effect. Only the departure of someone from the little family circle could produce this sense of grief. Just one week before, the Babe of Bethlehem had called two-year-old Lorraine to be His playmate forever in Paradise. Even this assurance did not comfort the Logans. Looking upon the gifts she had made for each of them with her own baby hands, they wondered how God could mar the beauty of His Son's birthday by sending such sorrow. Having silently trimmed the tree and laid presents under it, Mr. and Mrs. Logan retired, and not a few pillows were wet that night before comforting sleep descended upon the household.

The cuckoo had just sounded his Merry Christmas message in the person of twelve chimes, when an ethereal musical sound stirred around the house. A daintily clad figure glided into the room, approached the tree, and placed a shining object on

top. Then it stood gazing at its handiwork for one fleeting second before departing as suddenly as it had arrived.

Christmas morning dawned cold and crisp with a faint suggestion of snow in the air. Quiet stirrings in the Logan house accompanied the awakening of the family. One by one they straggled into the living room with half-hearted anticipation at unwrapping and beholding their gifts. But as each eye was riveted to the top of the tree, there, shining with all the brilliance of the one which shed light upon the New-Born King, was fastened a glowing white star. Its intense brightness obscured all else in the room and filled the Logans with great wonderment. Then, as they still stood watching it, its light dimmed and before their astonished faces, it crumbled to ashes.

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Christmas Charity Work Promotes Yule Spirit

Again as Christmas draws near, the girls of Saint Brendan are busy preparing surprises for the less privileged ones. The school clubs have joined in an all-out effort to brighten the season for others.

The Glee Club girls will harmonize Christmas tunes for the men and women at the "Home for the Aged." The residents will also receive small gifts donated by the singers.

Each weekend the Marion Aides, including Brendanites Sharon Dennihy, Helen Duffy, Jeanne Hannon, Joanne McCorkell, Maureen Sala and Mary Ellen Vesey, have been assisting the Little Sisters of the Poor in their task of serving Christ in the person of His aged poor. They serve the residents their meals and work in the Ladies' Infirmary, and the Linen Room.

Rag dolls, made by Mission Club members, will be distributed to the many needy children of Chinatown and the Gold Street Settlement. The Mission Club is also sponsoring a program whereby certain classes will outfit a young boy or girl.

Guardian Angel will give a party for its catechism pupils. Inexpensive toys, articles of clothing, and candy donated by the High School students will be distributed to the children.

The Legionaries help to make every day Christmas by their wonderful work in various charities. The members devote their leisure hours to rolling bandages, making cancer pads and helping the Nursing Sisters. Many of the girls are also members of the above mentioned clubs.

Veronica Mauro and Leslie Souky will spend the Sunday before Christmas at Bird S. Coler Hospital on Welfare Island. Every Sunday afternoon they assist the handicapped patients there and frequently visit the nursery and amused the children.

Christ must truly be pleased with the girls of Saint Brendan. They are His hands. The cry of the needy is being answered.



Rory Donnelly and Margaret Whelan form clean-up squad, as STELLA prepares to move into "Egypt."



Miss Green demonstrates the technique of eye make-up application.

Brendy's Debs Inaugurate Beauty and Charm Course

Helpful hints on how to feel better, look better and dress better are offered each week to members of the Fashion Course. Sponsored by Brendy's Debs, this program is aimed at encouraging proper application of makeup, careful grooming habits, and tasteful dressing.

The instructor, Miss Jean Arlene Green, offers valuable pointers to her pupils on their overall appearance. In previous weeks, Miss Green has discussed the biology of the skin and its proper care. After analyzing each girl's skin, she advised them how to treat their individual problem and how to choose the most suitable make-up for their complexion. Suggestions were given on methods of makeup application, after Miss Green had demonstrated some techniques.

Miss Green, previously a training specialist on Revlon's staff, was Director of Public Relations for Goubaud de Paris. Prior to her class at St. Brendan's, she offered similar courses at the Collegiate Secretarial School and Hunter Secretarial Institute.

Principal Organizes Inner Council To Promote Leadership Qualities

In order to promote leadership among the members of the Leo Honor Society and add prestige to their academic accomplishments, Sister John Berchmans will initiate an Inner Council.

This organization will convene every third Monday of the month at 8:15 in the library. At these meetings, the girls, under the guidance of Sister, will discuss various items pertaining to their position in the school. Stimulating the qualities of leadership in each individual will be the prime objective.

This new organization will in no way usurp the Student Council's authority, but will perform the duties specifically assigned to it. At the present time, Sister John Berchmans has formulated a few plans for encouraging initiative among the girls. They will act as a reception committee for all guests of the school and will assume the responsibility for tutoring students who need help in their studies. Other duties and honors will be conferred upon them in the future.

"Operation Attitude" as Sister John Berchman's has dubbed the primary purpose of the Inner Council, will go into effect immediately.

Stella Joins Anchor in "Egypt"; Staff Redecorates New Abode

Room 201, where *Stella* has met to cut and paste the galley proofs, will no longer resound with the familiar clink of scissors and rustle of paper. *Stella* has found new home in "Little Egypt," close to *Anchor* headquarters.

Although the new room will not be used for every meeting, the staff, while impatiently awaiting the change, is investigating the many possibilities for redecoration. Tentative plans which have been made for painting are to be carried out by the

College Corner

When you are deciding upon your life's career there are several factors that should be taken into consideration. The following is an outline which might prove helpful when you are faced with this dilemma.

1. Evaluate your likes and dislikes, your better subjects and your poorer ones. In this way you will have a general idea of the broad field of endeavor for you.

2. Before you specialize in any one facet of the field, investigate the opportunities in your desired career. Find out all the details you can about jobs, salaries required, educational background, opportunities, etc. The best way to do this is to talk to a person who is associated with the work. This will give you the practical side of the job.

3. In the present age, a college education is almost always a prerequisite for advancement, especially in the professional fields, such as Home Economy, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, etc. If higher education is needed in your work, be sure you choose a college that has a good department in your possible major. Consult a college professor for guidance in this choice.

National Y.C.S. Movement Has Group Represented at St. Brendan

A small, intensely active group of students is pervading our school, attacking their work with enthusiasm and vigor. Their name? Young Christian Students, part of a nationwide movement of Catholic Action. Their work? To Christianize attitudes.

How do they do this? At each meeting, which is conducted by the students themselves, a problem that exists either in their school, their parish or their community is discussed. The girls ask themselves: Is

this a problem? What is the cause? What is the effect? What can we do to change it? This is where Y.C.S.'ers begin to work. They decide on an action, either actual or spiritual, which they can perform as a group. Then, each girl during the following week tries to put this action into effect among her own circle of acquaintances.

Although our Y.C.S. section was begun less than two years ago, two of its members are already officers of the New York Federation, the governing body of all the Y.C.S. groups in the New York area. Lillian Costantino, a senior from 102, is vice-president of the Federation and Jo Ann Hart, 203, a junior, is one of its two secretaries. Under the guidance of the moderators, Sister Joan Bernadette and Sister Emiliana, Karen Sikorski, Judy Porto and Lillian Costantino lead St. Brendan's three groups.

The Y.C.S. movement is planned to train Catholic leaders. In this way, the high school students of today are preparing to become the adult Lay Apostolate of tomorrow.

STELLASCOPE

With Saint Brendan's buzzing with pre-holiday preparations more has been happening than there is room to print. For example—Join the Lonely Hearts Club!! Their emblem, the empty arms of the lonely hearts. . . . What did the chaperon at the French Club Dance do with the Ebinger's cake box and milk? Calories!! . . . Redecoration at Brendan's: Paint the walls, 206!! . . . Help wanted!! Girl is walking around with hopes of seeing a dog. . . . Quotes: "Do they still have curling irons?", "I can tell by the way your hair looks you're going to laugh." . . . Desperation! What seniors are resorting to walking to their prom?

Don't you trust the driver? . . . Here's to the quaking brains in 401!! . . . What class is becoming proficient in the French phrase, "Je ne sais pas." . . . Seniors beware!! At the Prom watch for the Christmas tree with the butter-bit hand. Comprenez-vous? . . . Announcing the Return of Tommy Cuddles to Room 101! . . . Back-Scratching Club of 102 meets daily because they all have that 7th period itch. . . . Violation of rules!! Sister, can things be that bad that you've resorted to washing windows instead of teaching. . . . What gym class goes around in circles? . . . What's this about academic classes taking up speed writing? Everything is said in jest.

We poke no fun at you. Have a Merry Christmas all. And a Happy New Year too. See you in '62!

industrious workers assigned to the brush detail. However, the brush detail is only a minor and easier phase of "operation redecoration"; the main, and probably the most difficult, task is going to be finishing the floor.

When the skillful hands of the staff have given the room a completely new face, you will find us there on any day that there are galleys to be done, or we want to brouse in a corner of the building that is all our own.

Cues on Culture

After the excitement of the Christmas festivities has abated, and the duration of the holiday vacation stretches ahead, you are perplexed with the problem of using that rare leisure enjoyably. A solution presents itself—visit one of New York's fascinating museums.

One of the most attractive, the Museum of the City of New York, located on Fifth Ave., between 103rd and 104th Sts. houses showcases which reproduce the home life of New Yorkers from the time of Dutch Rule to the present day. Models of antique trolley cars, fire-wagons, automobiles and other now—obsolete machines are exhibited. An old-fashioned toy shop is also included among its attractions.

If you wish to tour Chinatown, a visit to 7 Mott St. should head your list of stopoffs. Here you will find the Chinese Museum, a place that affords you the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Oriental traditional customs and way of life.

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Till this very day, the Logans are unable to explain the origin of this mystical star or its strange disappearance. But they did notice that that Christmas day was one of the happiest they had ever spent. Lorraine's absence did not produce such an acute distress as the previous night had prefigured. A calm resignation came over them, and joy dispelled grief.

Although the Logans are unaware of this strange source of solace, which the star proved to be, we know about the figure in the night and its mission. Lorraine's death had proved to be the best Christmas present of all. God does not take without recompense. He had merely loaned Lorraine to the Logans for a short time before presenting them with an angel for eternity. The star was a little bit of Heaven brought by one who knew its glory.

Local Student Councils To Attend Seasonal Conference at S.B.D.H.S.

The second meeting of the New York State Association of Student Councils will take place in St. Brendan's Friday, January 26. Representatives from the various student governments throughout New York City and Long Island will be present.

Saint Brendan's Student Council has just become a member of this organization whose purpose is to affiliate the various public and private high schools and to co-ordinate the activities of their respective school governments.

The program for the day will include a welcome address by our Principal, Sister John Berchmans. The meeting will be conducted in strict parliamentary procedure by George Besculides, President of the New York State Association. Immediately following the convention, refreshments will be served by Senior Student Councilors who will act as hostesses.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Spurred on by the morale-boosting cheerleaders and the enthusiasm of the spectators, the varsity defeated Our Lady of Perpetual Help, December 1 on our court with the impressive score of 51-30.

In the first half of the game, O.L.P.H.'s excellent passing gained them a slight lead. However, after the half-time break, the Blue and White sharpened their shooting and left their opponents trailing far behind. Splendidly picked off rebounds and intercepted passes contributed to the final victory.

Much credit for the varsity's success belongs to their new coach, Carol Anderson. Miss Anderson is an upper Junior at Brooklyn College where she is a member of the varsity basketball team. This is her first coaching assignment, and Miss Anderson has high hopes for the season since she found the first game "very encouraging."

Our second game, at St. Saviour's court on Thursday, December 7 was a hard fought contest. St. Saviour's proved a strong rival as our varsity conceded defeat with the score of 55-50. At the end of the first quarter, St. Brendan's maintained the lead, but their opponents were not far behind. As the cheers of the spectators broke the sound barrier, our team slackened, giving St. Saviour's the advantage. Inaccurate passing and careless handling of the ball, on our part, provided all that was needed to make St. Saviour's victors in the waning seconds of the last quarter.

With a score of 36-34 St. Brendan achieved its second victory of the year at Stella Maris High School.

At these games, the team won the foul-shooting contests and lost the relay race.

Honor Roll

The following girls have been selected for the school Honor Roll according to the revised rules:

Seniors

Paulann Pierson 94, Mildred Tria 93, Geraldine Matarazzo 93, Sandra Samin 93, Evelyn Martin 92, Rosemarie Spinelli 92, Judith Ann Porto 92, Barbara Pearson 92, Ann Wennerholm 92, Patricia Asaro 91, Bernadette Di Giovanni 91, Mary Wittels 91, Alberta Sabatino 91, Nancy Lee 91, Mary Brolly 91, Aldene Cooper 91, Esther Orbe 90, Joan Fitzsimmons 90, Genevieve Zeh 90, Mary Ellen McCabe 90, Patricia Yerkes 90, Rosemary Massei 90, Catherine Powers 90, Maureen Cancemi 90, Elaine DeGraaf 90, Patricia Fenimore 90, and Marilyn Leone 90.

Juniors

Regina Shanley 93, Kathleen Kane 92, Judith La Monaco 92, Mara-Ann Johnson 92, Amelia Penzavecchia 91, Kathleen Sharpe 91, Anne McBrearty 91, Margaret Connor 91, Elizabeth Marrone 91, Marilyn Behr 91, Kathleen Reiman 91, Theresa Sparaco 90, Virginia Farinaro 90, Diane Cannone 90, Anne Kucenskis 90, Barbara Sgambati 90, Christine Alessi 90, and Rose Di Donna 90.

Sophomores

Nancy Manno 96, Margaret Whelan 96, Vivian Malone 95, Romaine Elia 94, Kathleen Ahern 94, Ellen Frost 94, Theresa Lupo 94, Patricia Maltz 94, Judith Poje 94, Janet Lautenbach 93, Ann Marie Murray 93, Annette Patella 93, Barbara Sicignano 93, Noreen Carroll 92, Marie Inserra 92, Patricia Lione 92, Kathleen Cudzil 91, Rose Farrell 91, Margaret Herman 91, Elizabeth Burns 90, Elaine De Felice 90, Winifred Kender 90, Jacqueline La Rosa 90, and Madilyn Scheer 90.

Freshmen

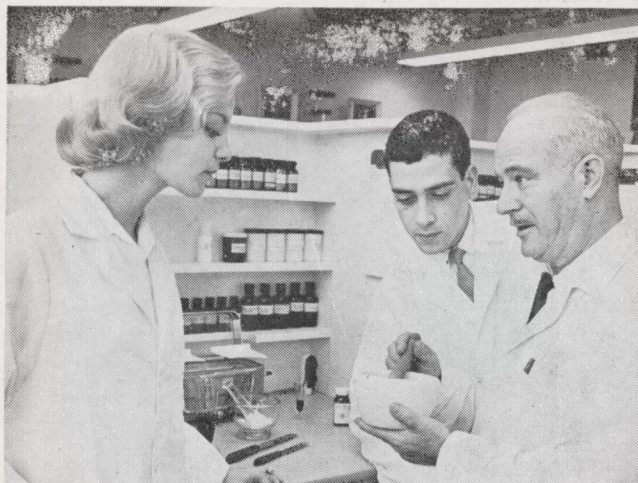
Karen Groy 98, Rose Marie Benvenuto 97, Joan Bimbo 96, Joan Simonetti 95, Linda Smith 9-5, Mary Judge 94, Dawn Cucciniello 94, Marie Brady 94, Maria Buono 94, Virginia Gross 94, Susan Kiernan 94, Joan Lombardi 93, Joan Finerty 93, Barbara Gorman 93, Patricia McDonough 93, Amy Toole 93, Jane Wilkinson 93, Marguerite Perinelli 92, Margaret Tiernan 92, Patricia Walker 92, Darlene Traboscia 92, Christine Fanelli 92, Kathleen Kaiser 91, Suzanne O'Donnell 91, Lorraine Ruggieri 91, Veronica Fox 91, Dolores Severino 91, Patricia Mackay 90, Carol Winter 90, Linda App 90, Barbara Becker 90, Frances Celentano 90, Marianne Migliaccio 90, Marie Pluckinotta 90, Theresa Pagnotta 90, and Joann Puka 90.

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